

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] further comprising a fragrance generator that provides a fragrance to the airflow conveyed through the tubular members.
3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] further comprising an antifungal agent generator that provides an antifungal agent that is conveyed through the tubular members.
4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] further comprising a filtration system for the air that is conveyed through the tubular members.
5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] wherein the plurality of tubular members includes at least one generally horizontally disposed tubular member and at least one generally vertically disposed tubular member.
6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] further comprising a source of ambient temperature air that is supplied to the airflow generator.
7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] wherein the airflow generator is a motorized fan.
8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] wherein the tubular members are hollow PVC.
9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [[1]] wherein apertures are provided to accommodate a piece of sports equipment or apparel selected from the group comprising a skate, a boot, footwear, a glove, a helmet, a shin guard, and elbow guard, pants, or a jersey, shoulder pads, and hip pads.

10. (currently amended) An [[The]]apparatus for conditioning sports equipment and apparel, the apparatus comprising: ~~of claim 1~~ further comprising
a plurality of generally hollow tubular members with at least one section having a plurality of apertures;
an airflow generator for generating an ambient temperature airflow through the tubular members and out of the apertures;
at least one support member located proximate the apertures for maintaining a piece of sports equipment or apparel at a predetermined distance from the apertures; and
a means for selectively closing or opening the apertures.
11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 ~~[[1]]~~ further including a control panel for controlling the activation and operation of the airflow generator.
12. (currently amended) An [[The]]apparatus for conditioning sports equipment and apparel, the apparatus comprising: ~~of claim 1~~
a plurality of generally hollow tubular members with at least one section having a plurality of apertures;
an airflow generator for generating an ambient temperature airflow through the tubular members and out of the apertures; and
at least one support member located proximate the apertures for maintaining a piece of sports equipment or apparel at a predetermined distance from the apertures, wherein the tubular members may be rotated within a range of positions.
13. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 ~~[[1]]~~ wherein the airflow generator allows for variable and constant speeds.
14. (currently amended) An [[The]]apparatus for conditioning sports equipment and apparel, the apparatus comprising: ~~of claim 1~~
a plurality of generally hollow tubular members with at least one section having a plurality of apertures;
an airflow generator for generating an ambient temperature airflow through the tubular members and out of the apertures; and

at least one support member located proximate the apertures for maintaining a piece of sports equipment or apparel at a predetermined distance from the apertures, wherein a curved device with offsetting apertures raises equipment off the surface of the tubular member so as to allow airflow through the apertures in the tubular members when in the raised position, and covers the apertures in the tubular members when in the lowered position to block airflow.

15. (canceled)
16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 ~~[[15]]~~ wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of air impregnated with a fragrance.
17. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 ~~[[15]]~~ wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of air impregnated with an antifungal agent.
18. (currently amended) An ~~[[The]]~~ apparatus for conditioning sports equipment and apparel, the apparatus comprising: of claim 15
a substantially enclosed base having a plurality of air intake vents and including a variable/constant speed airflow generator;
a plurality of generally hollow tubular members for supporting sports equipment and apparel, at least one tubular member of the plurality being attached to the base and receiving a flow of air from the airflow generator; and
at least one area on the plurality of generally hollow tubular members that includes a plurality of apertures and at least one support member configured to maintain a piece of sports equipment at a predetermined distance from the plurality of apertures, wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of ionized air.
19. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 ~~[[15]]~~ further comprising a filtration system for the air that is conveyed through the tubular members.
20. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 ~~[[15]]~~ wherein the airflow generator is a motorized fan.

21. (currently amended) An [[The]]apparatus for conditioning sports equipment and apparel, the apparatus comprising: ~~of claim 15~~
a substantially enclosed base having a plurality of air intake vents and including a variable/constant speed airflow generator;
a plurality of generally hollow tubular members for supporting sports equipment and apparel, at least one tubular member of the plurality being attached to the base and receiving a flow of air from the airflow generator; and
at least one area on the plurality of generally hollow tubular members that includes a plurality of apertures and at least one support member configured to maintain a piece of sports equipment at a predetermined distance from the plurality of apertures,
wherein slidable gates are disposed on the top surface of the base to regulate airflow to the tubular members.
22. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 ~~[[15]]~~ further comprising an electronic control panel that can regulate the airflow rate and the operation of the airflow generator.
23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the electronic control panel includes a timer function for operating the motorized fan for a predetermined period of time.
24. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 ~~[[15]]~~ wherein the tubular members are hollow PVC.
25. (Original) An apparatus for conditioning sports equipment and apparel comprising:
a substantially enclosed base having a plurality of air intake vents and including an airflow generator,
a plurality of tubular members for supporting sports equipment and apparel, at least one of which is attached to the base,
at least one area on the tubular members that includes a plurality of apertures and at least one support member maintaining a piece of sports equipment at a predetermined distance from the apertures and allowing a flow of air to be conveyed to the surface of the sports equipment,

a plurality of capillary tubes that receive airflow from the airflow generator and convey the airflow to each piece of sports equipment stored on the tubular members.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of air impregnated with a fragrance.
27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of air impregnated with an anti-fungal agent.
28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of ionized air.
29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising a filtration system for the air that is conveyed through the tubular members.
30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the airflow generator is a motorized fan.
31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising an electronic control panel that can regulate the airflow rate and the operation of the airflow generator.
32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the airflow generator allows for variable or constant speed.
33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the electronic control panel includes a timer function for operating the motorized fan for a predetermined period of time.
34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the tubular members are hollow PVC.

35. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a fragrance generator that provides a fragrance to the airflow conveyed through the tubular members.
36. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising an antifungal agent generator that provides an antifungal agent that is conveyed through the tubular members.
37. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a filtration system for the air that is conveyed through the tubular members.
38. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the plurality of tubular members includes at least one generally horizontally disposed tubular member and at least one generally vertically disposed tubular member.
39. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a source of ambient temperature air that is supplied to the airflow generator.
40. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the airflow generator is a motorized fan.
41. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the tubular members are hollow PVC.
42. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein apertures are provided to accommodate a piece of sports equipment or apparel selected from the group comprising a skate, a boot, footwear, a glove, a helmet, a shin guard, and elbow guard, pants, or a jersey, shoulder pads, and hip pads.
43. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 further including a control panel for controlling the activation and operation of the airflow generator.
44. (new) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the airflow generator allows for variable and constant speeds.

45. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a fragrance generator that provides a fragrance to the airflow conveyed through the tubular members.
46. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising an antifungal agent generator that provides an antifungal agent that is conveyed through the tubular members.
47. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a filtration system for the air that is conveyed through the tubular members.
48. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the plurality of tubular members includes at least one generally horizontally disposed tubular member and at least one generally vertically disposed tubular member.
49. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a source of ambient temperature air that is supplied to the airflow generator.
50. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the airflow generator is a motorized fan.
51. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the tubular members are hollow PVC.
52. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein apertures are provided to accommodate a piece of sports equipment or apparel selected from the group comprising a skate, a boot, footwear, a glove, a helmet, a shin guard, and elbow guard, pants, or a jersey, shoulder pads, and hip pads.
53. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 further including a control panel for controlling the activation and operation of the airflow generator.
54. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the airflow generator allows for variable and constant speeds.

- 55. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of air impregnated with a fragrance.
- 56. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the airflow generator further includes a means for conveying a flow of air impregnated with an antifungal agent.
- 57. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising a filtration system for the air that is conveyed through the tubular members.
- 58. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the airflow generator is a motorized fan.
- 59. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising an electronic control panel that can regulate the airflow rate and the operation of the airflow generator.
- 60. (new) The apparatus of claim 59 wherein the electronic control panel includes a timer function for operating the motorized fan for a predetermined period of time.
- 61. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the tubular members are hollow PVC.